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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10/17/49

WEATHER The week was cooler than normal over the western portion of the State but warmer over the eastern portion, with warm days and cool nights, several of which were below freezing over the Panhandle. There was much bright sunshine, and winds were generally moderate. Except for a moderate shower at Valentine, there was little or no rainfall during the week.

CROPS Weather conditions were generally favorable for drying corn. The amount picked varies considerably with localities and individual fields. A few farmers have completed picking while others are just starting.

The moisture content of considerable of the corn is high for cribbing. High winds a week or so ago blew off a varying percentage of the ears, making harvesting more difficult. More gleaning of the corn fields will be necessary. Corn that had a heavy infestation of corn borers suffered the greatest damage from the high winds. The necessity of getting the corn off the ground as well as getting the job done before unfavorable weather sets in is stimulating the harvest work.

Wheat made excellent progress after the rain of October 9. Except for a few counties in extreme southeastern Nebraska where there was some complaint that the moisture was inadequate to sprout all of the wheat properly, conditions could hardly be more favorable. More rain would be desirable in the western counties. There is a lot of volunteer wheat in western portions which has made excellent growth and will furnish splendid pasture.

Conditions have been highly favorable for maturing grain sorghum crops. The bulk of the grain sorghum is now mature; therefore, good yields are in prospect. Most of the sorghum forage has been harvested.

Harvest of potatoes has made splendid progress under favorable conditions and much of it has been completed. Harvest of sugar beets is now under way and yields are up to expectations. Pasture is still excellent for this date. The outlook for wheat pasture is very good as the fall seeded crop is well rooted, with heavy top growth, and volunteer wheat is rank. Western range is very good.

LIVESTOCK Cattle feeding operations are on a greatly increased scale based on the increased movement of feeder cattle to the country. There is also increased interest in lamb feeding. There is more or less difficulty in getting feeder lambs because of the short lamb crop. Some hogs are being marketed at lighter weights. Despite the high level of cattle production, there has seldom, if ever, been a greater supply of hay forage and corn for finishing cattle for market.

Weather Bureau Telegraphic Report of Precipitation for Week Ending October 17, 1949

Eastern Division

Central Division

Western Division

Grand Island .02
Lincoln 0
Norfolk 0
Omaha .01
Sioux City 0

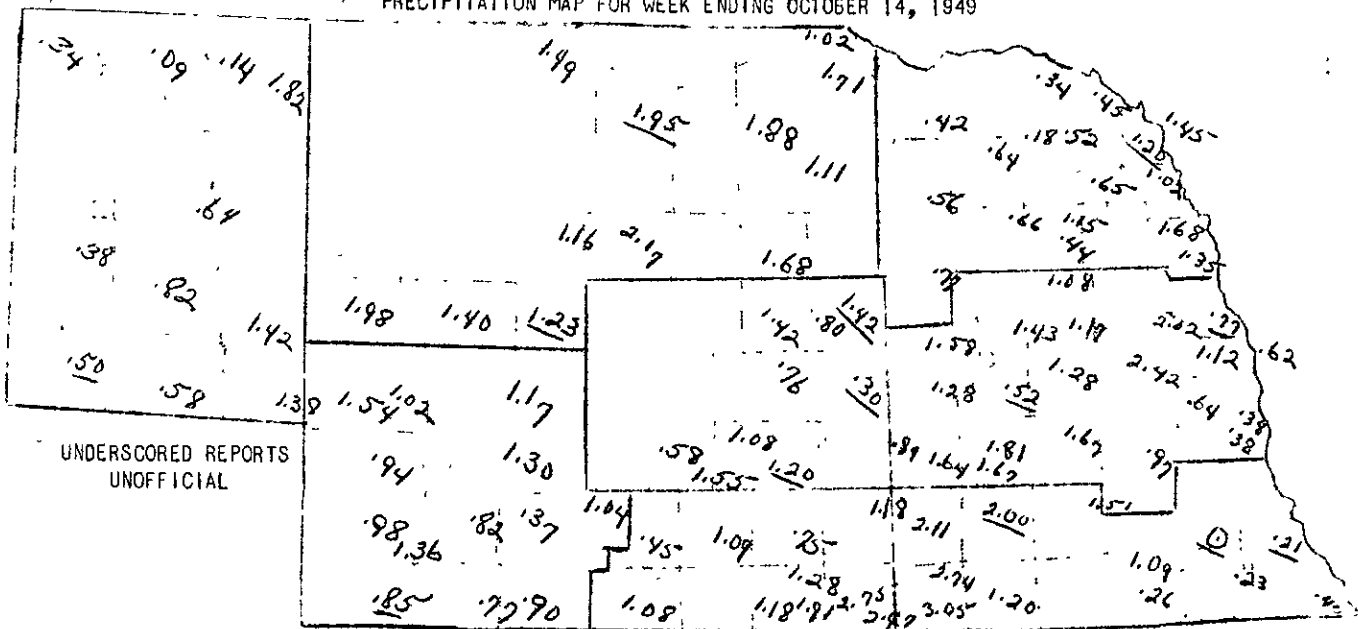
Burwell .09
North Platte .02
Valentine .50

Chadron .01
Hayes Center 0
Scottsbluff 0
Sidney 0

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 1949



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HRS. ENDING 6:30 A.M.)

		OCTOBER		11TH		12TH		13TH		14TH		15TH		16TH		17TH	
				MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN
NW	CHAORON			55	26	63	32	77	34	45	29	62	32	78	34	60	31
	SCOTTSLUFF			60	27	60	32	77	43	56	39	62	31	78	36	63	36
	SIDNEY			63	24	63	30	71	39	59	37	58	26	73	29	63	34
N-C	BURWELL			69	43	63	35	72	40	62	42	--	--	67	43	66	35
	VALENTINE			62	35	59	36	72	44	50	31	57	43	75	42	58	35
NE	NORFOLK			71	48	60	35	74	48	65	48	62	35	66	51	73	41
	SIOUX CITY			71	48	61	35	74	43	68	47	64	35	68	47	76	44
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND			70	47	62	37	72	43	67	47	60	37	67	48	72	44
E-C	LINCOLN			73	51	60	43	74	48	75	51	60	40	68	51	77	49
	OMAHA			73	51	61	42	74	48	76	50	65	37	69	50	77	52
SW	HAYES CENTER			70	39	62	37	70	43	65	41	58	33	69	40	71	38
	NORTH PLATTE			67	41	61	36	70	48	62	43	57	38	69	36	67	38

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